

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An organic electroluminescent device comprising:

an organic compound layer including at least one ~~organic compound~~ hole transport film containing an ~~organic compound having a phenylamino group~~ NPB (N,N'-di(naphthalene-1-yl)-N,N'-diphenyl-benzidine), wherein

said ~~organic compound having a phenylamino group~~ NPB (N,N'-di(naphthalene-1-yl)-N,N'-diphenyl-benzidine) is produced by Ullmann reaction, and

said organic compound layer contains copper atoms as impurities in a weight concentration of not lower than 40 ppm and not higher than [[500]] 200 ppm.

2. (Cancelled)

3 (Original): The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 1, wherein said organic compound layer includes:

an organic compound film containing a luminescent material, and
an organic compound film containing a carrier transporting material.

4-18 (Cancelled)

19 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 1, wherein copper is detected by using an ICP (Inductively Coupled Plasma) method.

20 (Currently Amended): An organic electroluminescent device comprising:

an organic compound layer including at least one ~~organic compound~~ hole transport film containing an ~~organic compound having a phenylamino group~~ NPB (N,N'-di(naphthalene-1-yl)-N,N'-diphenyl-benzidine), wherein

said organic compound layer contains copper atoms as impurities within a weight concentration range of 40 ppm to ~~[[500]]~~ 200 ppm.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended): An organic electroluminescent device comprising:

an organic compound layer including at least one ~~organic compound~~ hole transport film containing ~~an organic compound having a phenylamino group~~ NPB (N,N'-di(naphthalene-1-yl)-N,N'-diphenyl-benzidine), wherein

copper atoms are present in the organic compound layer,

said copper atoms can be detected, and

are present in a weight concentration of not higher than ~~[[500]]~~ 200 ppm.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 22, wherein said copper atoms are detected by using an ICP method.